

United States of America National Labor Relations Board



NOTICE OF ELECTION

INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEES VOTING BY U.S. MAIL

<u>PURPOSE OF ELECTION</u>: This election is to determine the representative, if any, desired by the eligible employees for purposes of collective bargaining with their employer. (See VOTING UNIT in this Notice of Election for description of eligible employees.) A majority of the valid ballots cast will determine the results of the election. Only one valid representation election may be held in a 12-month period.

<u>SECRET BALLOT</u>: The election will be by secret ballot carried out through the U.S. mail under the supervision of the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). A sample of the official ballot is shown on the next page of this Notice. Voters will be allowed to vote without interference, restraint, or coercion. Employees eligible to vote will receive in the mail *Instructions to Employees Voting by United States Mail*, a ballot, a blue envelope, and a yellow self-addressed envelope needing no postage.

<u>ELIGIBILITY RULES</u>: Employees eligible to vote are those described under the VOTING UNIT on the next page and include employees who did not work during the designated payroll period because they were ill or on vacation or temporarily laid off. Employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated prior to the date of this election are not eligible to vote.

<u>CHALLENGE OF VOTERS</u>: An agent of the Board or an authorized observer may question the eligibility of a voter. Such challenge must be made at the time the ballots are counted.

<u>AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS</u>: Each party may designate an equal number of observers, this number to be determined by the NLRB. These observers (a) act as checkers at the counting of ballots; (b) assist in identifying voters; (c) challenge voters and ballots; and (d) otherwise assist the NLRB.

METHOD AND DATE OF ELECTION

The election will be conducted by mail. The mail ballots will be mailed to employees employed in the appropriate collective-bargaining unit from the office of the National Labor Relations Board, Region 20, on May 26, 2020. Voters must return their mail ballots so that they will be received in the National Labor Relations Board, Region 20 office by the close of business on June 16, 2020. The mail ballot count will be conducted by video conference (such as Skype or Facetime or similar medium) on June 24, 2020 and a tally of ballots prepared and immediately made available to the parties by e-mail.

If any eligible voter does not receive a mail ballot or otherwise requires a duplicate mail ballot kit, he or she should contact the Region 20 office by no later than 5:00 PM on June 1, 2020 in order to arrange for another mail ballot kit to be sent to that employee.



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VOTING UNIT

EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

All full-time and regular part-time Contract Administrators, Technical Procurement Specialists, Associate Technical Procurement Specialists, Senior Technical Procurement Specialists, Expert Technical Procurement Specialists, and Contract Specialists employed by the Employer in its Project Execution – Contracts department within the Power Generation organization; who were employed by the Employer during the payroll period ending April 30, 2020.

EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

All other employees, guards, and supervisors as defined by the Act.

Also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who have worked an average of four (4) hours or more per week during the 13 weeks immediately preceding the eligibility date for the election.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA National Labor Relations Board 20-RC-260146	
OFFICIAL SECRET BALLOT Expression employees of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY	
Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20 International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE)?	
MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE	
YES	NO
Do not sign or write your name or include other markings that would reveal your identity. Mark an "X" in the square of your choice only. If you make markings inside, or anywhere around, more than one square, please contact the Region 20 office by the close of business on June 4, 2020 in order to arrange for a new ballot kit to be sent to you. If you submit a ballot with markings inside, or anywhere around, more than one square, your ballot will not be counted.	

If a majority of valid ballots are cast for Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20 International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), they will be taken to have indicated the employees' desire to be included in the existing professional and technical unit currently represented by Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20 International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE). If a majority of valid ballots are not cast for representation, they will be taken to have indicated the employees' desire to remain unrepresented.



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RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES - FEDERAL LAW GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO:

- Form, join, or assist a union
- Choose representatives to bargain with your employer on your behalf
- Act together with other employees for your benefit and protection
- Choose not to engage in any of these protected activities
- In a State where such agreements are permitted, the Union and Employer may enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the Union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the Union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment).

It is the responsibility of the National Labor Relations Board to protect employees in the exercise of these rights.

The Board wants all eligible voters to be fully informed about their rights under Federal law and wants both Employers and Unions to know what is expected of them when it holds an election.

If agents of either Unions or Employers interfere with your right to a free, fair, and honest election the election can be set aside by the Board. When appropriate, the Board provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with the rights of employees and may result in setting aside of the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an Employer or a Union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An Employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a Union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the mail ballots are dispatched
- Incitement by either an Employer or a Union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a Union or an Employer to influence their votes

The National Labor Relations Board protects your right to a free choice.

Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with this Agency in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law.

Anyone with a question about the election may contact the NLRB Office at (415)356-5130 or visit the NLRB website www.nlrb.gov for assistance.